

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-19, and 21-24 are pending in the application, of which Claims 1 and 17 are independent. All Claims have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Belfiore *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,990,513, hereinafter “Belfiore”) in view of Ginter *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 7,165,174, hereinafter “Ginter”). The rejections are respectfully traversed. Reconsideration is requested.

Statement of Substance of Interviews

Applicants thank Examiner Lemma for helpful telephonic interviews with Applicants’ attorney on September 5, 2008 and September 8, 2008. During the interviews, the participants discussed independent Claims 1 and 17 and cited reference Belfiore and Ginter. Examiner Lemma suggested amendments to the claims that would overcome the rejections. The above amendments include those suggestions and are, thus, believed to overcome the rejections and to put the application in condition for allowance. Support for the amendments can be found in the Applicants specification on at least page 8, lines 3-8; page 9, line 26 through page 11, line 21; and in at least Figs. 3 and 4. Upon entry of the amendments, Claims 1-6, 10-19, 23, and 24 will be pending. Applicants respectfully request acceptance of Claims 1-6, 10-19, 23, and 24.

Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed concurrently herewith. Entry of the IDS is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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